

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Water Commissioners, Prudential Committee,  
Fire Engineers and Treasurer

OF THE

North Easton

## Village District

FOR THE

Year Ending April 1st, 1906.

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Officers of  
North Easton Village District

FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1906.

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WATER COMMISSIONER,

CYRUS LOTHROP, Term expires 1907.

OLIVER AMES, Term expires 1904.

WILLIAM H. AMES, Term expires 1906.

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PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE,

DAVID J. O'CONNELL,

JOHN J. McCARTHY.

GEORGE G. HAYES.

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TREASURER,

EDWARD M. CARR.

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CLERK,

JAMES A. BURNS.

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AUDITORS,

THOMAS A. O'CONNOR,

EARL W. KEITH.

## WATER COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

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To the citizens of North Easton Village District:

In presenting the nineteenth annual report of the Board of Water Commissioners, it is desired to call your attention to our last report of April 1st, 1905, of the likelihood of an expense to the district in the near future.

With the view of ascertaining the prospective cost of repairs at the Pumping Station our two pumps were duly inspected by the George F. Blake M'f'g Co. who report the cost of putting them in first class order the sum of \$1200.86. A contract with them was duly consummated for that sum, and at the present time about completed, necessitating payment from the funds now in the hands of your commissioners.

An examination of the boilers both by the Insurance Inspectors and by a first-class boiler manufacturer has been made, and they report them in fair condition considering the length of service they have given (some eighteen years), that the splendid quality of the water used aided greatly in the preservation of the same.

It is fair to presume that in the near future new boilers will be required to replace those now in commission.

Therefore, in consideration of the likelihood of extra demands for prospective repairs, we beg to report the disposition of (Excess of Receipts over Expenditures) in our hands, accumulated since the payment of Water Bonds in August, 1902,

|                                                         |        |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| In 1903, from said excess (extension to Gymnasium)      | 44.00  |
| In 1906, from said excess (extension Baldwin street)    | 168.71 |
| In 1903, from said excess (extension on Spooner ave.)   | 497.37 |
| In 1904, from said excess (extension to Catholic cem.)  | 686.85 |
| In 1905, from said excess (extension off Columbus ave.) | 403.95 |
| In 1905, from said excess (extension Goward street)     | 238.08 |
| In 1906, from said excess (extension Spooner street)    | 159.66 |

Total from 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906 reports..... \$2,198.66

It is therefore reasonable to presume that the payment of water bonds coming due August 1st, 1907, necessarily must be provided for by taxation by the North Easton Village District or at least a large proportion of the amount \$5,000.00 then due.

#### STATEMENT

|                                       |            |             |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Cash on hand April 1st, 1904.....     | \$4,046 42 |             |
| Received for faucet service.....      | 2,684 30   | ..          |
| Received for metres and merchandise.. | 318 50     |             |
| Received for meter service.....       | 4,072 00   |             |
| Received for metres and merchandise.. | 318 50     |             |
|                                       | <hr/>      | \$11,121 72 |
| Paid operating expenses.....          | 2,391 34   |             |
| interest on bonds.....                | 3,000 00   |             |
| repairs .....                         | 806 76     |             |
| for meters and merchandise.....       | 613 02     |             |
| for extension (Baldwin street)...     | 168 71     |             |
| extension (Spooner street).....       | 159 66     |             |
| addition to original plant.....       | 62 00      |             |
| Deposit in North Easton Savings Bank  | 2,000 00   | ..          |
| Cash on hand April 1st, 1906.....     | 1,920 00   |             |
|                                       | <hr/>      | \$11,121 72 |

## OPERATING EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

|                                                 |            |            |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Received for Faucet service.....                | 2,684.30   |            |
| Received of meter service.....                  | 4,027.02   |            |
|                                                 |            | \$756 30   |
| Paid operating expenses .....                   | \$2,391 34 |            |
| Paid interest .....                             | 3,000 00   |            |
| Paid repairs .....                              | 806 76     |            |
|                                                 |            | \$6,198 10 |
| Excess of receipts over expenditures....        |            | 558 20     |
| Paid for repairing well and pumping station.... |            | \$763 08   |

## FINANCIAL CONDITION

|                      |           |              |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Original plant ..... | 75,414 57 |              |
| Extensions .....     | 16,474 57 |              |
| Extensions .....     | 16,475 79 |              |
| Reservoir .....      | 10,488 40 |              |
| Merchandise .....    | 1,116 40  |              |
| Cash .....           | 1,020 23  |              |
|                      |           | \$105,415 39 |

## BOND ACCOUNT.

|                           |             |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Due August 1st, 1907..... | \$ 5,000 00 |             |
| Due August 1st, 1912..... | 5,000 00    |             |
| Due August 1st, 1917..... | 65,000 00   |             |
|                           |             | \$75,000 00 |

## BOND HOLDERS.

|                                    |             |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Boston Five Cents Savings Bank.... | \$40,000 00 |             |
| North Easton Savings Bank.....     | 30,000 00   |             |
| Parties unknown .....              | 5,000 00    |             |
|                                    |             | \$75,000 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

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|----------------|---------------------------|
| CYRUS LOTHROP, | } Water<br>Commissioners. |
| OLIVER AMES,   |                           |
| WILLIAM AMES,  |                           |

## REPORT OF PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

## STREET LIGHTING.

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Appropriation.....                    | \$3,850 00 |
| Paid Welsbach Street Lighting Co..... | 3,889 23   |
| Unexpended, .....                     | \$11 77    |

## SNOW ACCOUNT.

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation.....                | \$500 00 |
| Paid for shoveling snow, etc..... | 165 0    |
| Unexpended.....                   | \$335 00 |

## POLICE AND WATCHMEN.

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Appropriation .....        | \$1,200 00 |
| Paid James O'Neil.....     | \$600 00   |
| Paid Patrick Costello..... | 600 00     |
|                            | \$1,200 00 |

## SIDEWALKS AND STONE CURBING.

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$2,500 00 |
| Expended .....      | 2,494 63   |
| Unexpended.....     | \$5 37     |

## SIDEWALKS AND STONE CURBING.

Paid Cornelius Dailey for Concreting:

|                                                      |          |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 121 sq. yards on Day street.....                     | \$ 78 65 |
| 12 sq. yards on Centre street at bake shop.....      | 7 80     |
| 7 sq. yards on Center street at John Bailey's.....   | 4 55     |
| 27 sq. yards on Williams street.....                 | 17 55    |
| 47 sq. yards skim coating on Williams street.....    | 16 45    |
| 502 sq. yards on Main street.....                    | 326 30   |
| 7 sq. yds. patching Main street.....                 | 4 55     |
| 83 sq. yds. skim coating opposite Memorial Hall..... | 29 05    |
| 2 sq. yds opposite Memorial Hall.....                | 1 30     |
| 11 sq. yards on Lincoln street.....                  | 7 15     |

|                                                                     |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 11 sq. yards on Oakland avenue.....                                 | \$ 7 15   |
| 7 sq. yards on Sheridan street.....                                 | 4 55      |
| 126 2-3 sq. yards on Howland Court.....                             | 82 33     |
| Paid Cornelius Dailey:                                              |           |
| For gravel on Main street.....                                      | 24 43     |
| For carting and setting curbing, Main street.....                   | 40 81     |
| For re-building wall on Main street.....                            | 4 89      |
| For paving driveways at Catholic Church.....                        | 4 58      |
| For building sidewalk and setting curbing<br>on Howland Court.....  | 36 75     |
| For building sidewalk and setting curbing<br>on Spooner street..... | 86 28     |
| For fixing driveway on Center street.....                           | 5 05      |
| For fixing driveway on Sheridan street.....                         | 1 61      |
| Paid:                                                               |           |
| R. H. Curry for curbing.....                                        | 1695 87   |
| G. H. DeWitt & Son.....                                             | 6 98      |
|                                                                     | <hr/>     |
|                                                                     | \$2494 63 |

## DISTRICT OFFICERS' SALARIES

|                                               |          |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|
| Edward M. Carr, Treasurer.....                | \$50 00  |
| James A. Burns Clerk.....                     | 10 00    |
| David J. O'Connell, Prudential Committee..... | 25 00    |
| George G. Hayes, Prudential Committee.....    | 25 00    |
| Jonn J. McCarthy, Prudential Committee.....   | 25 00    |
|                                               | <hr/>    |
|                                               | \$135 00 |

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

|                                             |          |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| Printing, etc.....                          | \$24 50  |
| Warrants and posting.....                   | 2 00     |
| Distributing Reports.....                   | 4 00     |
| Removing Police System to Fire Station..... | 72 51    |
|                                             | <hr/>    |
|                                             | \$113.01 |

## RECAPITULATION.

## APPROPRIATIONS.

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Street Lighting..... | \$3,850 00 |
| Snow Account.....    | 500 00     |
| Police Service.....  | 1,200 00   |
| Sidewalks.....       | 2,500 00   |

|                             |        |                   |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------------------|
| Miscellaneous Accounts..... | 200 00 |                   |
|                             |        | <u>\$8,250 00</u> |

## EXPENDED.

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Street Lighting.....             | \$3,838 23        |
| Snow Account.....                | 165 00            |
| Police Service.....              | 1,200 00          |
| Sidewalks.....                   | 2,494 63          |
| Miscellaneous Accounts.....      | 113 01            |
| District Officers' Salaries..... | 135 00            |
|                                  | <u>\$7,935 87</u> |

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Unexpended..... | \$314 13 |
|-----------------|----------|

The District Meeting will be held Thursday evening April 26,  
1906, at 7.30 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID J. O'CONNELL,  
JOHN J. McCARTY,  
GEORGE G. HAYES,  
Prudential Committee.

## ENGINEERS' REPORT.

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North Easton, Mass., April 10, 1906.

In presenting this, our sixth annual report, would say we have had ten fires in the past year, and one false alarm. The losses on the ten fires amount to about \$8,700.00. We were obliged to call on Brockton for help at the fire at the Shovel Shop, solely on account of our having no pressure on our water pipes; if we had had our usual water pressure we could have easily have handled the fire without assistance. The hanging harnesses purchased last July, have proved to be the best investment we have ever made. While we have managed the department in as economical a manner as possible, we have overrun our appropriation about \$150.00. We used more coal for heating than we estimated, and the expense of a janitor to run the heating apparatus was overlooked.

There is a call for two more Fire Alarm Boxes, and we think they would be a valuable addition to the department. We ought to have at least 500 feet more hose. while we have a good supply for summer use, in cold, freezing weather we are liable to want a great deal more than we now have. There will have to be some repairs on our apparatus, also on our extinguishers and our ladders will have to be smoothed up and shellacked.

We recommend that the sum of \$1,400.00 be raised and appropriated for the support of the Fire Department.

GEORGE H. DeWITT,  
J. F. CALLAHAN,  
A. J. LEAVITT,

Board of Fire Engineers.

By A. J. LEAVITT, Clerk.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

|                                                 |             |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Te amount on hand April 1st, 1905.....          | \$3353.72   |
| Loan .....                                      | 4000.00     |
| Town Treasurer, acct. of taxes,                 |             |
| 1903.....                                       | 55.62       |
| Town Treasurer, acct. of taxes,                 |             |
| 1904.....                                       | 231.53      |
| Town Treasurer, acct. of taxes                  |             |
| 1905.....                                       | 10,189.38   |
|                                                 | <hr/>       |
|                                                 | 10,476.53   |
| Received of Fred Hanlon from sale of old zincs, | 6.40        |
| Interest allowed on bank balance.....           | 40.77       |
|                                                 | <hr/>       |
|                                                 | \$17,877.42 |

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|                                              |                   |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| By Police.....                               | \$1,200.00        |
| Street Lights.....                           | 3838.23           |
| Sidewalks.....                               | 1337.78           |
| Clearing snow from sidewalks.....            | 165.00            |
| Loan and Interest.....                       | 4061.33           |
| Printing reports, etc.....                   | 24.50             |
| Police Alarm repairs.....                    | 72.51             |
| Fire Department account of New Building..... | 3264.84           |
| “ “ “ “ Special Appropriation.....           | 873.16            |
| Fire Department, viz:                        |                   |
| Fire Alarm.....                              | 209.18            |
| Harnesses.....                               | 228.00            |
| Coal.....                                    | 133.57            |
| Lighting.....                                | 14.99             |
| Janitor.....                                 | 30.00             |
| Sundries.....                                | 82.40             |
| Salaries.....                                | 105.00            |
|                                              | <hr/> 803.14      |
| District Officers Salaries.....              | 125.00            |
| Balance on hand April 1st, 1906.....         | 2112.01           |
|                                              | <hr/> \$17,877.42 |

EDWARD M. CARR, Treasurer.

We have audited the Treasurer's books and find them correct.

THOS. A. O'CONNOR,  
EARL W. KEITH,  
Auditors.

## REPORT OF THE FIRE STATION BUILD. ING COMMITTEE.

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The Committee appointed at the District meeting of 1904 to procure a suitable lot of land and erect a fire station thereon, submits the following report.

Through the generosity of Miss Mary S. Ames, who donated a lot of land to the District, for the purpose of building a fire station thereon, the Committee was relieved from the necessity of buying a lot and was thereby enabled to procure a better building than it otherwise could have done with the amount of money at its disposal.

Several architects submitted plans and specifications for a building and upon consideration the plans of John C. Johnson were accepted by the Committee, as the most practical and satisfactory, of those submitted. Bids were called for on these plans and specifications and the contract was awarded to George H. DeWitt & Son, they being the lowest bidders and the building has been erected by them, under the supervision of John C. Johnson the architect.

The amount of the contractors bid was \$5425.00. As the building progressed, some changes and additions were found to be necessary, the aggregate cost of which were \$197.75. The window shades and rubber treads for the stairway were furnished by a member of the Committee at his own expense.

At the last district meeting the further sum of \$1000. was raised and appropriated and placed in the hands of the committee for the purpose of grading the lot and furnishing the fire station. This makes the total appropriation \$7000.

The financial statement is as follows:—

|                                                                           |                  |                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Appropriation, 1904 .....                                                 | \$6000.00        | \$7000.00        |
| “ 1905 .....                                                              | \$1000.00        |                  |
| George H. DeWitt & Son.....                                               | 5595.75          |                  |
| Architects commission for plans specifications and supervising work.....  | 193.94           |                  |
| Insurance on building.....                                                | 131.63           |                  |
| Removing ledge in front of building and putting water pipes in building.. | 54.98            |                  |
| Recording deed and plan.....                                              | 1.17             |                  |
| Surveying lot and making plans of same                                    | 14.38            |                  |
| Change in cellar.....                                                     | 27.00            |                  |
| Cornelius Dailey, grading and paving lot.....                             | 483.36           |                  |
| Paine Furniture Co., furniture.....                                       | 76.10            |                  |
| Packard & Bailey, chandeliers and lamps.....                              | 47.00            |                  |
| Chandler and Barbour, keys.....                                           | 5.25             |                  |
| Hook and Ladder Co., furniture.....                                       | 107.05           |                  |
| Hose Co., furniture.....                                                  | 102.40           |                  |
| Thomas O'Callahan Co., rugs.....                                          | 22.00            |                  |
| E. E. Kelley, covering steam pipes...                                     | 30.00            |                  |
| Geo. H. DeWitt & Son, fixing doors..                                      | 10.97            |                  |
|                                                                           | <u>\$6902.98</u> |                  |
|                                                                           |                  | <u>\$6902.98</u> |
| Unexpended .....                                                          |                  | \$97.02          |

DAVID J. O'CONNELL,  
 GEORGE G. HAYES,  
 JOHN J. MCCARTHY,  
 OLIVER AMES,  
 WILLIAM H. AMES.  
 CYRUS LOTHROP.

The following bills were presented and paid, but too late to late to enter into report:

|                                         |            |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|
| Sidewalk account.....                   | \$1,156 92 |
| Fire Station, New Building Account..... | 10 97      |
| Clerk's salary.....                     | 10 00      |
| Printing warrants.....                  | 2 00       |

Leaving a balance of \$932 11